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Development in the Muslim World: A Digital Survey

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A lot of research these days is going on the development of Muslims today in different academic institutions throughout the World. Many theses, books and research paper are being published but this article seeks to analyze the current developmental conditions of Muslims in a unique way. A digital comparative study has been commenced, especially of Muslims Majority Countries (MMCs) in comparison to some developed nations of the world in the fields of demographics, education, technology, economy, infrastructure and sports etc. The study will be helpful to figure out the current developmental status of the Muslim World today. World's 57.9% of children out of school (primary) are residing in only 19 MMCs. The children out of school in USA are 1,800,414 whereas in Pakistan they are 5,370,428 approximately three times of USA. Though, the population of USA is 1.6 times larger than of Pakistan.

The total world population is 7.068 billion according to United States Census Bureau (USCB) and to CIA World Fact Book (CIAWFB) 7,256,490,011 (July 2015 est.)¹ out of which Christian 31.4%, Muslim 23.2%, Hindu 15%, Buddhist 7.1%, Sikh 0.35%, Jewish 0.2%, Baha'i 0.11%, other religions 10.95%, non-religious 9.66%, atheists 2.01%².

According to CIAWFB, Muslims are the second largest religious group comprising 23.2 % of the World population, just after the Christians who are 31.4%. The total population of Muslims in the World is 1.65 billion which is distributed unevenly in different countries of the world. Another study conducted by *Pew Research Center* released in January 2011 found that there are 1.62 billion Muslims around the World³. Around 74.1% Muslims are living in around fifty four countries as majorities, and 23.3% living as minorities in other developing countries and 3% living in developed regions like North America, Australia, Europe, New Zealand and Japan⁴. More than 60% of Muslim population is living in South and Southeast Asia and around 20% living in Middle East and rest in other parts of the world⁵. Among top ten countries, Indonesia has the largest Muslim population followed by Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Egypt, Nigeria, Iran, Turkey, Algeria and Morocco respectively. If we compare the Muslim population with the Jewish one, that is 1.65 billion to 14 million then the ratio of Jews: Muslims will be 1:117 or the Muslim population is 117 times greater than of Jews or against every single Jew there are 117 Muslims. For every single Hindu there are two Muslims. For every Buddhist there are two Muslims etc⁶. Overall 74% of Muslim population lives as Majorities in MMCs and 26% living as minorities in other countries⁷.

Out of these 54 in 51 countries Muslims live in 'Absolute Majority' means they constitute more than 51% of population while in three countries they are the largest religious group but have 50 or less than 50% of population⁸ these are considered as simply 'Majority'. These three countries are Guinea Bissau, Cote D'Ivoire and Tanzania. 53% of Muslim population is residing only in 6 countries namely Indonesia, Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Nigeria and Turkey⁹.

These 54 countries cover 19.1% of land excluding oceans while China, USA and European Union cover 6.5%, 6.4% and 2.9% of land excluding oceans respectively. Kazakhstan has the largest land area and Indonesia have the largest Muslim population in the Muslim World.

Table 1

Religion	Adherents	% of land ruling over
Christianity	2.1 billion	58.68
Islam	1.65 billion	19.1
Secular/Nonreligious/Agnostic/Atheist	1.1 billion	-
Hinduism	1 billion	2.3
Chinese traditional religion	394 million	6.5
Buddhism	376 million	2.47
Judaism	14 million	0.013

Source¹⁰

Education

Education plays a crucial role in all-round development of a nation or community. It puts the foundation of industrial and economic development. But the educational conditions of Muslims in the whole world are upsetting.